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Subject: East Campus Construction Set To Begin

Over the past few months, crews have been preparing the Nebraska Avenue parking lot for construction activities that will commence next week. To date, we have secured the entire perimeter of the site with the installation of a protective fence, cleared landscaping within the work area, removed unsafe trees, and relocated more than 22 mature specimens to other locations on site. In addition, we have built a field office for the on-site project team, installed erosion control measures to mitigate the impact of storm water runoff outside the perimeter of the site, and secured the permits necessary to begin construction.

With this enabling work completed, construction will start next week with the installation of a shoring system to retain soil, as we excavate for foundations and below-grade spaces, including a 150-space parking garage and dewatering systems to manage groundwater anticipated to be encountered during the construction process. Installation of the shoring system entails driving steel beams, or piles, mechanically into the ground and some noise should be expected. Both pile driving and de-watering installation operations will continue for several weeks and we anticipate beginning excavation in early October.

We will continue to provide updates as work progresses. You also can find more information by visiting the [Building AU East Campus](#) web page.